



Our Home, our Country and our Brother Man."

PEAS AND INDIAN CORN FOR HOGS.

The editor of the *Rural New Yorker* has published lately a series of articles on feeding and fattening swine.

In these numbers careful experiments are enumerated, — made with care by Mr. Lawes and others, with a view to ascertain the best material, all things considered, for feeding this animal.

In the last number the writer comes to the conclusion that the two best articles for fattening swine are peas and Indian corn.

While the animal is in a growing state, peas are recommended to feed them with, on account of the great amount of nitrogenous matter which they contain. The muscles, flesh, contain a large amount of nitrogen, and any food which will yield this element, will, of course, increase the growth of the animal, and hasten its maturity.

After they have obtained their growth, and you wish to put the fat on to their ribs, it will be necessary to give them food that contains carbonaceous matter, — fat being made up in part of carbon. Indian corn has been found to be rich in this matter, and experience proves it to be the best material for making pork as well as beef.

There are other articles which may be used as substitutes for these articles when they can not be easily obtained, but where these can be found abundantly, they will be the best food to give growth and fatness in the shortest time.

For the Maine Farmer.

FALL PLANTING OF TREES.

Mr. Editor: — Noticing in the last Farmer an article upon fall planting of trees when it is a done early in the fall, or not so late as to endanger freezing the roots, and done as it should be, I think fall planting possesses some advantages over spring planting. It is a more leisure season of the year. The bark of the tree is firmer than in the spring, and not so easily chafed, and the earth becomes settled around the roots so dry weather in the spring and summer does not so easily affect them as those planted in the spring.

I set two rows of trees side by side, one in the fall and the other in the spring. Both lived equally well, but those planted in the fall made decidedly the greatest growth.

I observe that recommends mulching, which I think is of much importance, either in fall or spring planting. I should, however, prefer raising a cane of earth around the tree from eight to twelve inches high in the fall, to turn off the water, and also to keep the tree steady, and remove it in the spring, supplying its place with litter of leaves and straw from the woods, which I think is excellent for trees, (being nature's manure,) and if previously used for bedding for horses or cattle, will be much improved.

Although I think very favorably of fall planting, under favorable circumstances, I cannot recommend it indiscriminately under all.

Upon wet, clayey soils that are inclined to heave badly with frosts, I prefer the spring, if it can be done as soon as the frost is out, in order to effect it early. The trees may be removed in the fall and laid in by the heels, as it is called, where they will winter easily as well as those in the nursery. Much advantage may be gained in it, as the travelling is better in the fall, and business not near as pressing as in the spring.

D. TADER.

Vassalboro', 9th mo., 1854.

For the Maine Farmer.

MULES, JENNETS, &c.

Mr. Editor: — There is a communication in the *Maine Farmer* of the 14th inst. that attracted my attention, and doubtless that of others. It may be found under the head "Mules."

The writer puts four questions. I will only refer to the first and third.

1. "Which is best to breed from, a mare or a jennet?"

3. "Should the mare or horse be a large or small breed?"

From the first and third questions it might be inferred that to raise a mule it is necessary to have such an animal of the horse species! And so, how propagated! I presume that a little more general information on the subject may be useful.

APPLEYTON.

September, 1854.

Note. — We suppose the writer referred to me, by the term jennet, the female ass, though strictly speaking, jennet is a small horse or pony, common in Spain. The specific terms used to distinguish mules or hybrids between the horse and the ass species, according to Loudon, are the following. "Mule" is the hybrid produce of an ass and a mare, having a large, clumsy head, long, erect ears, a short mane, and a thin tail. "Hinny" is the hybrid produce between the she ass and a stallion: the head is long and thin, the ears are like those of a horse, the mane is short, and the tail well filled with hair. The hinny is much less common than the mule, because less handy and useful."

Ed.

CURE FOR RINGWORM. — I noticed in the *Cultivator* for May 15th, an inquiry for the cure of a ringworm in a colt, and answer, take high wine of cider brandy, add saltpetre as much as will dissolve, and wash the ringworm two or three times a day. One of my neighbors cured one of these full possession of his facilities, although nearly eighty years of age, and will corroborate the facts which we shall bring forward. [Boston Cultivator.]

CONVENTION OF THE AMERICAN POMOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

LAST DAY. This Society continued its session in the Horticultural Hall yesterday forenoon, the President, Hon. M. P. Wilder in the chair.

The discussion on the Concord grape was resumed.

On motion of Mr. Cabot, the report of the committee on native fruit was unanimously adopted.

On motion of the Secretary of the Society, it was voted "That the lists of all the fruits now on exhibition at the Massachusetts Horticultural Society's tables, contributed by members of the American Pomological Society, be entered on the record of the proceedings of the Convention."

The President submitted the report of a committee appointed at the session of 1852, to consider the subject of erecting a suitable monument to the memory of the late A. J. Downing, from which it appeared that a fund of \$1600 had been subscribed for that purpose, from gentlemen in Philadelphia, New York, Boston, Rochester, Newburg, Buffalo, and other places.

It is the design to erect the monument in the public grounds at Washington, which Mr. D. did so much to adorn.

The consideration of the varieties of apples to be recommended was resumed.

Mr. Barry, of New York, remarked that he had seen it stated in several newspaper paragraphs, that the cultivation of the pear on quince stocks had proved to be a failure. He regretted to have such statements sent abroad.

Resolved, That the thanks of the society are hereby tendered to the Massachusetts Horticultural Society for the excellent arrangements made to receive and accommodate the members of our citizens to enjoy delicious varieties of fruit years earlier than they otherwise could.

Perhaps the best way to check this erroneous impression would be for the Society to recommend a list of pears that succeed best on quince stocks.

Mr. Barry, of New York, said he was unwilling to have the vote taken without saying a few words on the resolution.

The Massachusetts Horticultural Society was entitled to the cordial thanks of the convention for their bountiful hospitality, and for the excellent exhibition to which they had been invited. He had seen many Horticultural exhibitions both in this country and in Europe, but in tastelessness of arrangement, in interest and instruction, this surpassed all he had ever seen.

The display of fruits on the tables was hardly ever equalled in the world. He must say the Horticultural Society was entitled to the thanks of the delegates, not only as citizens, but as pomologists for what they are doing for Pomology.

The enterprise of the members of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society is not equalled in the world.

The resolution passed unanimously, every delegate rising in his seat.

Resolved, That the thanks of the society are most cordially presented to the President, Hon. Marshall P. Wilder, for the prompt, able, and impartial manner in which he has presided over its deliberations; and we hereby assure him that the members will long cherish a lively recollection of the pleasure enjoyed at the bountiful and brilliant festive entertainment with which he complimented the society.

Cherries were next considered. Governor Wood, Black Hawk, Kirkland's Mary, Rockport Biggarus, Ohio Beauty and the Hovey were placed on the list of varieties which promise well.

Col. Little, of Maine, called attention to William's Favorite. It was the unanimous opinion of the Convention that it was a superior apple for general cultivation — with this qualification, it does not flourish on light soils.

Mr. Goodale, of Maine, thought it was an unrecognized English variety introduced by Mr. Vaughan. It was a superior variety. Placed on the list for trial.

Mr. Barry called attention to the Bonomi, a New England variety. It has been much cultivated, but there has not been much said about it.

Mr. Walker's experience led him to be in favor of the Bonomi. It originated some years ago in the neighborhood of Dedham. He has no hesitation in saying it was a very good variety.

Mr. Townsend wanted the Bonomi for planting in the last autumn.

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THE MAINE FARMER: AN AGRICULTURAL JOURNAL AND FAMILY NEWSPAPER.



AUGUSTA : THURSDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 5, 1854.

THE PORTLAND "MECHANICS' EXHIBITION."

This exhibition which has now been open nearly a fortnight, is spoken of in very high terms by the Portland papers. An excursion from this city to Portland, to visit the exhibition has been arranged for to-day, (Tuesday,) and we have no doubt many of our citizens will avail themselves of this opportunity to see what the mechanics of our State can do. We gather the following particulars from our Portland exchanges:—

The Fair is held in the City Hall and in Lancaster Hall, and the two halls are connected by a bridge thrown over the street. The City Hall building has been practically lengthened by a substantial wooden building, two stories in height, and 120 feet in length. The lower floor of this building is filled with machinery, driven by a beautiful steam engine, manufactured by Messrs C. H. Reynolds & Co., Lewiston. The second story is devoted mostly to manufacturers.

Crossing the bridge, the visitor enters Lancaster Hall, which is the main point of attraction. In addition to the principal hall, the large anterooms are thrown open, the northern one occupied by articles coming under the head of the "Ladies Department," and the southern is fitted up as a Picture Gallery, and Music Saloon. The body of the Hall is filled with a great variety of articles of manufacture, and with specimens of the various lectures, as they are delivered.

AUGUSTA LYCEUM.

With the approach of the "lecture season," we are glad to perceive that the managers of our Lyceum, are taking measures to give our citizens another of those courses of lectures which have proved so deservedly popular among us. We learn from the Journal that, at a meeting of the subscribers to the Lyceum fund, a few days since, the following gentlemen were elected officers for the ensuing year:—

Benj. A. G. Fuller, President. David Fales, Vice-President. Rev. Wm. E. Armitage, L. G. Ware, Geo. S. Mulliken, Wm. R. Smith, Edward Fenn, A. G. Dole, J. L. Cutler, Directors. Geo. S. Mulliken, Secretary. Edward Fenn, Treasurer.

At the same meeting it was also voted to extend invitations to the following lecturers: Rev. Henry Giles.

Pros. Woods, of Bowdoin College. Prof. Hitchcock, of " "

Rev. Henry W. Bellows, of New York.

Rev. Thos. M. Clark, of Hartford, Conn.

Rev. Dr. Neale, of Boston.

George W. Curtis, Esq., of New York.

Bayard Taylor, " "

Rev. S. Storrs, Jr., of Brooklyn.

Rev. C. A. Waterson, of Boston.

Dr. Oliver W. Holmes, of Cambridge.

Prof. T. Starke King, of Boston.

Rev. Amos P. Peabody, of Portsmouth.

Rev. E. H. Chapin, of New York.

Ralph W. Emerson, of Concord, Mass.

Rev. D. Huntington, of Boston.

E. P. Whipple, Esq., " "

Rev. George Burgess, of Gardner.

Rev. Mr. Squire, of Hallowell.

Rev. Wm. E. Armitage, of Augusta.

Rev. Mr. Fisk, of Bath.

Rev. Mr. Ware, of Augusta.

Rev. George S. Hill, of Boston.

Prof. Louis Agassiz, of Cambridge.

The above is a good list, but as all those above-named will not probably be able to accept the invitation, we would suggest to the Directors that they add to the list the names of Wendall Phillips, John G. Saxe, and Rev. John Pierpont, and doubtless they will also add some others. We shall refer to this subject again, and shall endeavor, the coming winter, to give our readers some synopsis of the various lectures, as they are delivered.

EDITOR'S TABLE.

THE MODERN Horse Doctor. John P. Jewett & Co., of Boston, are always publishing good books. Among the last which has been issued from their press, is one which every farmer ought to have, called "The Modern Horse Doctor." Dr. G. H. Dadd, of Boston, the well known Veterinary Surgeon, is the author, a man who has made the horse and his diseases his study for years, and the practice of healing and curing them the business of his life. We have examined the work, and do not hesitate to say that it is the best book of the kind yet published. We find but one omission and perhaps that is not essential. He says but little or nothing about fractures, such as broken legs, &c., and the best mode of managing them, if the owner desires to try to mend up the broken leg of his horse. Perhaps he will say, the most economical way would be to break its neck. It is evidently a practical, common sense work.

THE MONTHLIES. The first of the month has brought us a lot of the new monthlies, which must notice but briefly, this week.

Harper's Magazine. The principal articles in this number are Abbott's "Napoleon," "A Naturalist among the Himalayas," and Thackray's "Newcomes." The above are all illustrated. Several interesting stories follow, and some very striking illustrations of "The Five Guests." A very good number.

Putnam's Monthly. A portrait of the author of "Our New President," heads this number. Then follow a number of original contributions, the most interesting of which are the beginning of a sketch of Count Steding, who fought in the American Revolution," "African Proverbial Philosophy," "Popular Superstitions of England," and the continuation of "Israel Potter."

The address was delivered on Thursday, by the editor of the Farmer. The fair was held in the town hall. The articles exhibited, both of home and other manufacturers, were very good indeed. The products of the dairy were of good quality but not abundant, so were Horticultural products, and as useful and elegantly manufactured articles of any of their neighbors, and do as much good, though their sphere be limited to their neighbors.

Two full societies and a large part of a third have been formed by taking territory from them, viz: East Somerset, West Somerset, and the large agricultural town of Fairfield,—united with the North Kennebec. This, to be sure curtails the field of operations, but the farmers of Central Somerset should not be discouraged.

They have still a goodly heritage left, and if they would only work up could still bring out a good stock, a good agricultural and horticultural products, and as useful and elegantly manufactured articles of any of their neighbors, and do as much good, though their sphere be limited to their neighbors.

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THE LATEST NEWS FROM EUROPE.



ARRIVAL OF THE ALPS.

The Cunard propeller Alps arrived at Boston on Thursday last, with three days later advices. We make the following synopsis of her news:

There is but little news of interest.

Prince Albert returned to Portsmouth on the 9th from his visit to the Emperor Napoleon. He was entertained at Boulogne by a sham fight, in which the French army was divided into two divisions, one of which was commanded by the Emperor in person. After the review, Prince Albert was entertained at a banquet, and was honored with a grand military display and illumination on his arrival.

The arrival of the Baltic is confirmatory of the opinion that no further important movements would be undertaken in that quarter this season.

Berlin, Sept. 8. The French steamer Fulton arrived at Danzig on Wednesday night having obtained from the Emperor d' Hillefort and General Niel on board. It is understood that the French officers intended leave Danzig in a day or two, and return home by the land route.

The Danube. The Russians have evacuated Braila and Galatz—consequently the navigation of the Danube is free. On the 4th, Gen. Lenders removed his head-quarters from Galatz to Rumi. Before leaving, he blew up the fortifications and destroyed the bridge.

It is reported that the Turks entered Fokashay on the 5th.

Count Coronino, at the head of 4000 Aus-

trians, entered Bucharest, and was formally received by Omar Pasha, with a Turkish division, and a detachment of Wallachian militia.

The London Daily News reports that there are already, disagreements between Omar Pasha and the Austrian Commanders.

ASIA. The Russian army corps recently operating under Prince Beuboff against the Turks in the front of Georgia, has made an unexpected and rapid movement upon Guria. The Turks found the Russian camp deserted and ten gun spikings. It is not known whether the retreat was caused by the presence of Schamyl with a large force near Tiflis, or by the port of the allied movements in the Black Sea. This movement gave rise to a report that Schamyl had gained a great victory at Tellis. The Russians said that they had lost seven guns, 3000 men, and 1000 horses.

The Times says that on August 25th, the Turkish Minister left Teheran for Erzeroum. The rupture between Persia and the Ottoman Porte is complete.

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The Muse.

PRIZE ADDRESS.

spoken at the opening of the New Boston Theatre, Sept. 11, 1854.

BY THOMAS W. PARSONS.

Welcome, bright eyes! that serve our splendors pale: Ye reverend heads! your generous hands, all hail! And then, proud city! to thy triumphs past Add this to-night, nor let it be thy last: Be it thy glory to the coming age To have transmitted in adulterate stage; That aftertimes may count this beauteous dome Dear as the heartstone of a father's home.

Rock, airy beings! people of the brain! Ye kindly shadows! in your graves remain: Stay, you weird women! wait the fatal bell: Thou master of the charm! suspend the spell: Be not impatient to the scene to burst, You shall be summoned, but your herald first.

Souls of dead birds! that served our ancient art; Poets who largely read the human heart, Tell us why man, when life serenely glides, Loves the fierce motion that impels the tides? What god impels him, now his land is free, To play the hero that he cannot be? What strong illusion, native in his breast, Made action charm him in his day of rest!

When arms and arsenals are idle shows, And native playthings for the world's repose, The heart, like Nature, has no time to stir, Becomes a mirror of the things it sees: Then comes the wish, and then the wish in the power, To be made by the life of little heart.

The soldier, Neander, at such a time, From the dark realms of passion and of crime Called back those mighty shades to walk the earth, And made them die by a second birth. When all rapt Athens in that early day, Sat in the sunshines of a single flute—

When to the music of a single flute The verse was uttered that for us is mute— When through the orchestra with slow advance The Doris measured led the choral dance, Cold was that soul!—dead as Letho's fern— That did not fight at Salamis again.

But long are these, when Bacchus was divine, At the mad vintage, where the new-made wine Fired the rude revellers, the learned say First rose th' uncouth resemblance of a play: What time Arian of the Leibian isle To the wild chorus gave a livelier style:

The years are distant, and the light is dim, Yet hark! the echo of a tragic hymn:

Lo! the fell Minerva with her visage smeared, And men made satyrs by the mask and beard.

Such rites have been now here this temple stand:

The savage dramas of the Indian hands: Near the blue lake and by the midnight fire, See the red artist and the naked choir!

When the great Stheni with his Pegus court After the fray, assembled at the sport—

See!—but was yesterday—their dance describe The hunt, the war, the triumph of their tribe: Those were actors—but their show is done— Their last spectator was the setting sun.

In Charles' days, when tragedy was mean, Once the light Muse went slipp'd on the scene: Was Charles alone at fault? historian, tell— We love the stately Prian too well:

What though the Drama drooped beneath his ban, Spite of the bigot we revere the man;

What though he left polluted arts behind, Brought his sword, his Bible, and his mind.

Something of that austerity is here; Since Folly loves what easy Taste endures:

Let our purged altar stand its blanched priest: Honor the three-hilled city of the East!

That to the wise our theatre may seem A nobler school, a loftier Academe!

And Skakespeare's mind, transplanted to the shore

Whose rocks are gold, whose sands are shining ore, (Or far as Freedom's onward march may draw

Arts, without arms, and without conquest, Law,) A sacred well! whose o'erflowing brink

Each generation in its turn may drink:

So shall your children thank you, not alone

For wealth of empire gazing every zone,

But write these words on Memory's grateful page,

Sons of the Pilgrim! you redeemed our Stage.

The Story-Teller.

From the Flag of Our Union.

JUST CHARGE IT.

BY AUSTIN C. BURDICK.

"Charles, what did this peach preserve cost?"

"I'm sure I don't know, Hannah."

"But you bought it this morning."

"I know I did, but I didn't ask the price of it."

"Did not you pay for it?"

"No."

"Why not?"

"O, because I couldn't stop to make change. I have opened an account with Mr. Waldron and shall hereafter settle once in three months.

This conversation was going on at the tea-table between Charles Matthews and his wife. Matthews was a young mechanic who had just commenced house-keeping, and as he was making excellent wages he could afford to live prettily well. After he had made known his determined arrangement to his wife she remained quite silent in thought.

"Charles," she at length said, in a very mild, persuasive tone, "I think it would be better to pay for things as you take them. You know you receive your pay for labor every Saturday night, and you could pay as you go very easily."

"I know I could," returned Mr. Matthews, with the air of a man who had unanswerable argument at his command; "but then it would not be near so handy. You see, I shall save all the trouble of making change, and shall not have any time, but also avoid mistakes."

"Mistakes?" repeated Hannah. "How can mistakes occur when you pay for things as you get them?"

"I will tell you. For sometimes it may not be convenient to pay for a thing when I get it. I may forget my money, or I may only take it on trial—then if I pay for a part, and not for all, some things may get charged which I pay for. No, Hannah, a settlement once a quarter will be the best and most convenient all around, I am satisfied of it."

"Well, perhaps it may," said the wife, with an earnest tone and look, and yet with a smile, "but I cannot think so."

"But why not?"

"Yes, I asked Mr. Waldron's man who brought it up, and he said it had risen to twenty cents. Mr. Wilkins got fifty dozen of eggs some time ago for twelve cents a dozen, and his wife packed them down, and they kept well. You will have to pay Mr. Waldron thirty-three cents for these you sent up yesterday."

"Charles was somewhat astonished at this view of the case, but it could not be helped now; and the subject was dropped. His gold chain had lost its charm. It did not look so well, even in his own eyes, as had the simple black cord which he had worn before."

At length the end of the quarter came around. The first bill paid was the rent, which amounted to thirty-one dollars. The next was the butcher's bill, which came to thirty-six dollars. Charles was astonished to see how the meat bill footed up. But when he saw how many steaks he had had at seventeen cents per pound the cause of wonder was at an end. Next he paid the baker's bill, which was thirteen dollars. When he came home in the evening he had paid all his bills except the grocery bill.

"Mr. Waldron sent in his bill to-day," his wife said, after supper.

"Ab, did he let me see it."

"But I bought that just to please you, Hannah, and I thought you would accept it gratefully," returned the young husband, in a tone that showed that his feelings were touched.

"I know you did, Charles," said the wife, laying her hand affectionately upon his shoulder, "and I was grateful, for I know you would do anything to please me; but for the sake of helping you I would forego all such things. Perhaps—and the wife spoke very low—" looked very innocent when viewed alone, but in the aggregate they had a different appearance.

"How much shall you lay up this quarter, Charles?" kindly asked the wife, as she came and leaned over her husband's shoulder, and parted the hair on his forehead and smoothed it back.

"How much shall I lay up?" he repeated.

"Not much. Get the slate and let us reckon up."

Charles was resolved to be frank about the matter, and let his wife know all.

The slate was brought. First Hannah put down one hundred and fifty-six dollars as the quarter's wages. Then came the rent, and the butcher, and the baker.

"Now you may put down twelve dollars for this chain,—and twelve dollars for sundries,—that means cigars, tobacco, nuts, beer, soda, theatre tickets, and such like things. Now take all that from my quarter's wages, and see how much remains."

Hannah performed the sum, and gave fifty-two dollars as the result.

"Fifty-two dollars!" uttered Charles, sinking back into his chair, "and we have not bought one article of clothing nor of furniture. Fifty-two dollars with which to pay sixty-five. There is thirteen dollars short this quarter, and I had meant to save thirty, at least."

"Well, it's no use to mourn over it," said the wife, in a cheerful tone, for she saw that her husband felt badly. "Let's commence again."

For some moments Charles remained silent.

Hannah gazed upon the slate, and then upon the floor. At last she spoke. There was a peculiar light in his eyes, and a flush upon his countenance.

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